

[Dec. 20, 2006], the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue guidance for the operation of a whistleblower program to be administered in the Internal Revenue Service by an office to be known as the ‘Whistleblower Office’ which—

“(A) shall at all times operate at the direction of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and coordinate and consult with other divisions in the Internal Revenue Service as directed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue,

“(B) shall analyze information received from any individual described in section 7623(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and either investigate the matter itself or assign it to the appropriate Internal Revenue Service office, and

“(C) in its sole discretion, may ask for additional assistance from such individual or any legal representative of such individual.

“(2) REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.—The guidance issued under paragraph (1) shall specify that any assistance requested under paragraph (1)(C) shall be under the direction and control of the Whistleblower Office or the office assigned to investigate the matter under paragraph (1)(A). No individual or legal representative whose assistance is so requested may by reason of such request represent himself or herself as an employee of the Federal Government.”

REPORT BY SECRETARY

Pub. L. 109-432, div. A, title IV, § 406(c), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 2960, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury shall each year conduct a study and report to Congress on the use of section 7623 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including—

“(1) an analysis of the use of such section during the preceding year and the results of such use, and

“(2) any legislative or administrative recommendations regarding the provisions of such section and its application.”

STUDY OF PAYMENTS MADE FOR DETECTION OF UNDERPAYMENTS AND FRAUD

Pub. L. 105-206, title III, § 3804, July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 783, provided that the Secretary of the Treasury, not later than 1 year after July 22, 1998, would conduct a study and report to Congress on the use of this section, including an analysis of the present use of this section and any legislative or administrative recommendations regarding the provisions of this section and its application.

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON PAYMENTS MADE UNDER THIS SECTION AND RESULTANT COLLECTIONS

Pub. L. 104-168, title XII, § 1209(d), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1474, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate shall submit an annual report to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate on the payments under section 7623 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 during the year and on the amounts collected for which such payments were made.”

§ 7624. Reimbursement to State and local law enforcement agencies

(a) Authorization of reimbursement

Whenever a State or local law enforcement agency provides information to the Internal Revenue Service that substantially contributes to the recovery of Federal taxes imposed with respect to illegal drug-related activities (or money laundering in connection with such activities), such agency may be reimbursed by the Internal Revenue Service for costs incurred in the investigation (including but not limited to reasonable expenses, per diem, salary, and overtime) not to exceed 10 percent of the sum recovered.

(b) Records; 10 percent limitation

The Internal Revenue Service shall maintain records of the receipt of information from a contributing agency and shall notify the agency when monies have been recovered as the result of such information. Following such notification, the agency shall submit a statement detailing the investigative costs it incurred. Where more than 1 State or local agency has given information that substantially contributes to the recovery of Federal taxes, the Internal Revenue Service shall equitably allocate investigative costs among such agencies not to exceed an aggregate amount of 10 percent of the taxes recovered.

(c) No reimbursement where duplicative

No State or local agency may receive reimbursement under this section if reimbursement has been received by such agency under a Federal or State forfeiture program or under State revenue laws.

(Added Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, § 7602(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4507.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to information first provided more than 90 days after Nov. 18, 1988, see section 7602(e) of Pub. L. 100-690, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 6103 of this title.

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, § 7602(g), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4508, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury shall, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 18, 1988], prescribe such rules and regulations as shall be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this section [enacting section 7624 of this title, amending sections 6103 and 7809 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 6103 and 7809 of this title], including regulations relating to the definition of information which substantially contributes to the recovery of Federal taxes and the substantiation of expenses required in order to receive a reimbursement.”

[Subchapter C—Repealed]

[§ 7641. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1906(a)(54), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1832]

Section, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 905; Oct. 27, 1970, Pub. L. 91-513, title III, § 1102(i), 84 Stat. 1293; Oct. 26, 1974, Pub. L. 93-490, § 3(b)(8), 88 Stat. 1467, related to supervision of operations of every manufacturer of oleomargarine, process or renovated butter or adulterated butter, or white phosphorous matches by the officers or employees of the Treasury Department.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1906(d)(1) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 6013 of this title.

Subchapter D—Possessions

- Sec. 7651. Administration and collection of taxes in possessions.
- 7652. Shipments to the United States.
- 7653. Shipments from the United States.
- 7654. Coordination of United States and certain possession individual income taxes.
- 7655. Cross references.